

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

This application is a divisional of copending patent application serial number 09/087,134, filed 5/28/98, which claims priority from United States provisional application 60/047,991, filed May 28, 1997.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 8 as follows:

Fig. 1 shows an amino acid sequence alignment of human (SEQ ID NO:14), mouse (SEQ ID NO:17) and *Xenopus* (SEQ ID NO:11) FAST-1.